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STATUS INQUIRY

The Applicants request information regarding the status of the above-referenced patent application. It has been 19 months since the filing of the application on October 21, 2003.

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